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PLEASE PASS DOT, OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER,
ATTENTION: MISS ROBERTS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: USIRJC

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP: VISIT OF GOI
PORTS/RAILROADS STUDY TEAM

REF: TEHRAN 5643 AND PREVIOUS

1. MOWLAI TELEPHONED RESPONSE RE SUBJECT VISIT, SAYING
THAT DR. PAKDAMEN HAD TALKED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BINDER AND OTHERS AT SOME LENGTH DURING APRIL WASHINGTON
VISIT RE A 3-4 WEEK STUDY VISIT FOR GOI TEAM AND THAT
OTHERS ON GOI DELEGATION HAD DISCUSSED PORTS VISITS IN
DETAIL WITH US COUNTERPARTS. MOWLAI SAYS PAKDAMEN NOT
DISPOSED TO SEND TEAM FOR ABBREVIATED ONE-WEEK PROGRAM.

2. COMMENT: PAKDAMEN EVIDENTLY BELIEVES THAT VISIT
HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL.
APPARENTLY HIS VIEW IS THAT HE HAS BEEN WAITING SINCE
RETURN FROM WASHINGTON FOR YOUR SPECIFIC DETAILED
SCHEDULE CONFIRMING HS DISCUSSIONS.

3. FOUR NAMES MENTIONED IN LETTER COMPRISE STUDY
TEAM.MOWLAI SAYS MINISTRY NOT PLANNING SEND ANY
ADDITIONAL PEOPLE AT THIS TIME.

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4. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND INDIRECTLY, HOWEVER, THAT MOWLAI AND ONE OTHER PLAN DEPART IRAN IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS FOR THREE-WEEK VISIT ERUPE AND US TO INTERVIEW FIVE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT COMPANIES PREPARATORY CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAYS/RAILROADS. US COMPANY ON SHORT LIST IS DALTON AND DALTON WHICH ARRANGING SCHEDULE PRIVATELY. HAL KING FORWARDING DETAILS AS LEARNED TO FHWA MCKENDRICK.

5. ALTHOUGH DOT'S UNDERSTANDING OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSION MAY DIFFER FROM DR. PAKDAMENS'S, BELIEVE ONLY WAY TO GET VISIT MOVING QUICKLY IS FOR YOU PRESENT DETAILED 3-WEEK SCHEDULES WITH SPECIFIC INVITATION AS MINISTRY SEEMS TO EXPECT. MOWLAI DID NOT MENTION FUNDING AT THIS TIME BUT PRESUME DR. PAKDAMEN BELIEVES THAT TOPIC ALSO COVERED IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS.

6. MOWLAI TOLD WE WOULD RELAY HIS COMMENTS TO YOU AND CONVEY YOUR REACTIONS TO HIM WHEN RECEIVED.
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